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Millington Academy
Millington
c. 1813

On 22 February 1813, the Trustees of the Academy at Bridgetown (Millington) signed an agreement to purchase a lot 138' x 200' on the south side of Cypress Street from Thomas Gilpin. Gilpin, in fact, owned much of the land that the town was built upon. An actual deed was not drawn up until 1 July 1836, 18 years after the name "Millington" was adopted for the town and 23 years after the initial agreement.¹ By the time of the deed in 1836, a brick schoolhouse, 40' x 20' had already been constructed and the boundaries of the property were given from the corners of the building.

It was said that the original academy building was two stories tall and boasted a bell tower atop the roof, in the same manner as the academies in Middletown and New Castle, Delaware. Excluding their bell towers, both buildings possessed traits of vernacular domestic architecture of the late Federal period.

The Millington Academy, as it came to be known, was enlarged in the period of 1840-50, but in the late 19th century it burned and was subsequently rebuilt as a one story structure, embellished with a central gable of decorative shingles in a vernacular gothic style. Part of the remodeling at that time was a frame addition, it appears to have been demolished in the 20th Century.

After the construction of the Millington School around 1915-16, it was sold and has since been used for residential purposes. In 1957, it

became the home and office of Dr. Geza Koralewski, local physician.
Currently the old building is owned by the mayor of Millington(1995).

Trustees of the Academy Building Committee 1915

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1. ^d Lane Records, Lib. JNG 4, fol. 296.
2. Ibid.
3. Ibid.

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Millington Academy Building,
Old Brick House
Millington
Private

18th Century

Architecturally the old Millington Academy is of interest because it incorporates fragments of an old building into a later one. The one and one-half story brick building is now six bays long, four bays of which were a part of a two and one-half story building built in the late 18th or early 19th century. In the 19th century, the structure housed the "Millington Academy."

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Brick House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Cyprus Street

CITY, TOWN

Millington

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

First

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Kent

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Dr. Geza Koralewski

Telephone #: (301) 928-3178

STREET & NUMBER

Cyprus Street

CITY, TOWN

Millington

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21651

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Kent County Courthouse

Liber #: WH 645

Folio #: 83

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☒ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED

☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Fragments of a much older brick structure make up a part of the Millington Academy building, now converted into a medical office and residence. The present brick structure is seven bays long and one room deep, but the present four west bays have walls laid in Flemish bond on the facade and common bond at sides and rear and may date from the late 18th century. This structure houses an early Eastern Shore school, The Millington Academy. At that time, the structure was two stories high. It burned, however, and was rebuilt as the one story, six bay school house attended by many of Millington's older residents. The school house had two class rooms, an office, and a central hall with front and rear entrances. A central false gable remains over the door and this and the end gables are decorated with imbricated wooden shingles. There is a pitched metal roof, painted green; the walls are painted white. The present owners have added one bay to the length.

Very little remains of the earliest building; on the rear wall is a splayed feat arch above a window now bricked in. Other window openings appear to be rebuilt or later additions as is the front door. A chimney base positioned half outside the gable wall also survives.

Remaining Flemish bond brick of the facade is of good quality, well laid with narrow mortar joints. Its quality and bonding pattern suggest a building constructed in the late 18th century; however, Millington has at least two houses which show a survival of this bonding pattern well into the 19th century. No early details remain inside.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Architecturally the building is of interest primarily because of the incorporation of fragments of early building into a later one. The building is also important as the site of one of Millington's educational institutions.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marsha L. Fritz, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Kent County Historical Society

DATE

August, 1977

STREET & NUMBER

Church Alley

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Chestertown

STATE

Maryland 21620

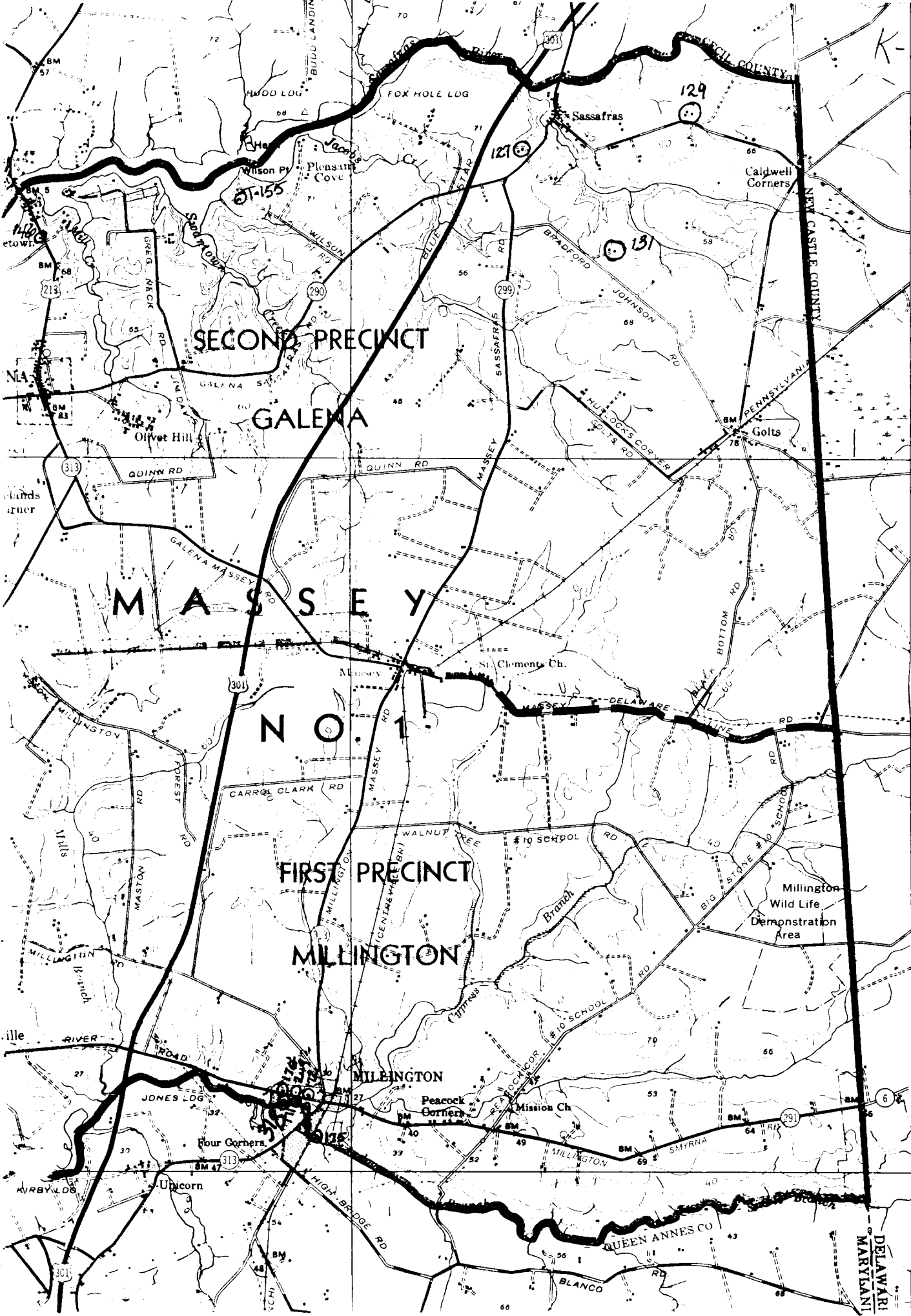
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MILLINGTON ACADEMY

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CYPRUS STREET

MILLINGTON, MD.

FRONT FROM NORTH

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